

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FOR: MONOLITH COATING APPARATUS :  
AND METHOD THEREFORE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following sentence:

--This application is the U.S. national-phase application of PCT International Application No. PCT/GB99/00652.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1           5. (Amended) Apparatus according to [any one of the preceding]  
2    claims 2 or 3, wherein the containment means is shaped to cause differential coating of  
3    parts of the support.

1           6. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim [6] 5, wherein an air-  
2    pemeable base is used to support the bottom of the support.

1           10. (Newly Added) Apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the  
2    containment means is shaped to cause differential coating of parts of the support.